North Dakota State Board of Animal Health

North Dakota Department of Agriculture 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept. 602 Bismarck, ND 58505

Tracheal/Oropharyngeal Swab Collection

Supplies needed:

- BHI media must be stored in refrigerator or freezer
- Cotton tipped swabs

Collection:

- · Swab down the trachea and up through the oropharyngeal cleft
- Insert swab into BHI media and swirl to mix
- Roll swab along the top side of the tube to rinse excess moisture
- Discard swab
- Pool 5 swabs into 1 tube of BHI media
- · Label tubes with barn ID and place in Ziploc bag
- Keep tubes refrigerated after collection and ship on a cold pack
- Call the NDSU diagnostic laboratory if you have any collection or shipping questions at (701)231-8307









Submit to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory with completed submission form:

U.S. Mail Address: (Post Office) Veterinary Diagnostic Lab NDSU Dept 7691 PO Box 6050 Fargo, ND 58108-6050 Delivery Address: (UPS, Fed Ex, Speedy, Drop Off) Veterinary Diagnostic Lab NDSU Van Es Hall 1523 Centennial Blvd Fargo, ND 5810

Please call our office before submitting any suspect samples